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SUBJECT: CASH FMS TRAINING FOR ARGENTINA

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- 1. DURING MY CONVERSATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE COM MEETING, I LEARNED THAT A NEGATIVE DECISION ON PERMITTING THE ARGENTINES TO PURCHASE TRAINING HAD BEEN MADE. AFTER REVIEWING THIS DEVELOPMENT WITH MY STAFF UPON RETURN HERE, I BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THE CONSIDERATIONS RAISED IN MY PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS ON THIS SUBJECT STILL HOLD. THE ARGENTINE MILITARY IS GOING TO BE VERY ANGRY ABOUT THIS DECISION. I CANNOT FORECAST WHAT IT WILL DO TO OUR COMMUNICATION WITH AND INFLUENCE ON THE GOA, BUT MY STAFF HAVE BEEN RECEIVING A NUMBER OF SIGNALS THAT THE ARMED FORCES MAY REACT STRONGLY AND NEGATIVELY TO IT.
- 2. IN THE INTEREST OF MINIMIZING THE DAMAGE LOCALLY AND PRESERVING ACCESS TO LOCAL MILITARY LEADERS, I URGE THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS DECISION BE TRANSMITTED FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO AMBASSADOR AJA-ESPIL IN WASHINGTON. THIS WILL NOT DIMINISH THE IMPACT OF THE DECISION, BUT COULD PRESERVE SOME OF OUR EFFECTIVENESS HERE. CONFIDENTIAL

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